

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 15, 1891.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. DAVIS (by Mr. MANDERSON), from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 4220.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4220) granting a pension to Thomas H. Bruce, have examined the same and report:

The report of the Committee on Invalid Pensions of House of Representatives hereto appended is adopted and the bill recommended to pass.

HOUSE REPORT.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4220) granting a pension to Thomas H. Bruce, submit the following report:

Thomas H. Bruce is a citizen of Quincy, Lewis County, Ky. During the late civil war he was a regular licensed engineer on boats used by the United States in the transportation of her troops. In October, 1864, he was an engineer on the steamer *Belle of St. Louis*, navigating the Mississippi River between Memphis, Tenn., and St. Louis, Mo. The steamer was ordered by the United States to transport her troops from Memphis to St. Louis. While on the trip between said points laden with the United States troops the steamer was fired upon by Confederate troops at Randolph, Tenn., on or about the 27th day of October, 1864. As a result of such firing said Bruce, while on duty at his engine, received a gunshot wound in the left arm and shoulder. The effect of the wound has seriously disabled the left arm. Bruce was loyal to his Government during the late war. He was compelled to render the services which he was rendering when he was disabled. It was just as important to the Government to have him operate the engine of the said steamer as to have the services of a soldier in the field. Under the provisions of the general law he is not entitled to a pension. We recommend the passage of the bill.